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## CIA File Bares Link to Oswald

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WASHINGTON (AP) — Contrary to sworn testimony, the CIA once considered using alleged presidential assassin Lee Harvey Oswald as a source of intelligence information about the Soviet Union, according to a newly released CIA document.

In sworn testimony before the Warren Commission, former CIA Director Richard Helms said the agency never had "or even contemplated" any contacts with Oswald.

The newly released document, written by an unidentified CIA officer three days after President John F. Kennedy was killed in Dallas on Nov. 22, 1963, says that "we showed intelligence interest" in Oswald and "discussed... the laying on of interviews."

The unidentified officer added that "I do not know what action developed thereafter."

The memo was among hundreds of pages of documents from the CIA's file on Oswald. The material was released to the Associated Press yesterday under the Freedom of Information Act.

A second document reveals that former CIA Director Allen Dulles, while serving as a member of the Warren Commission, privately counseled CIA officials on the best way to answer questions from the commission about allegations that Oswald was a CIA agent.

Dulles "thought language which made it clear that Lee Harvey Oswald was never an employe or agent of CIA would suffice," an unidentified CIA officer wrote Helms in April 1964.

"I agree with him that a carefully phrased denial of

the charges of involvement with Oswald seemed most appropriate," the unidentified officer added.

When he appeared before the commission in May, 1964, Helms, then head of the agency's clandestine services, testified under oath that "there's no material in the Central Intelligence Agency, either in the records or in the mind of any of the individuals that there was any contact had or even contemplated with" Oswald.

The Nov. 25, 1963, memo explains that the agency's interest in Oswald as a potential intelligence source was due to his "unusual behavior in the U.S.S.R.," to which he had defected in 1959.

"We were particularly interested in the [deleted] Oswald might provide on the Minsk factory in which he had been employed, on certain sections of the city itself, and of course we though the usual [deleted] that might help develop [deleted] personality dossiers," the memo states.

The memo indicates that Oswald was also of interest to the CIA because of concern that his Russian-born wife, Marina, might have been part of a trend for Soviet women to marry foreigners, leave the country and settle overseas where they could serve as spies.

The allegations that Oswald was a CIA agent were first made by his mother, Marguerite, and attorney Mark Lane. Another document released by the agency shows that the CIA believed such allegations were "elements of a worldwide, Soviet-sponsored propaganda and mis-information program."